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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Youth Culture, Education,
Information and Sport

on the possibility of designation 1985 "European Music Year"

Rapporteur: Mr W. HAHN

At its sitting of 17 January 1980 the European Parliament referred to the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport the motion for a resolution submitted by Mr Balfe and others on the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year'.

On 23 April 1980 the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport appointed Mr Hahn rapporteur.

It considered the report at its meetings of 29 May and 9 July 1980 and, at the latter meeting, adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement unanimously.

Present: Mr Pedini, chairman; Mr Hahn, rapporteur; Mr Arfe', Mr Del Duca, Mrs Gaiotti de Biase, Mr Henckens, Mr Papapietro, Mr Patterson, Mr Price, Mrs Pruvot, Mr Schall, Mr Schwencke and Mrs Viehoff.

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The Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year'

The European Parliament,

- whereas 1985 is the tercentenary of the birth of Georg Friedrich Händel, Johann Sebastian Bach and (Giuseppe) Domenico Scarlatti,
 - having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by 62 Members of the European Parliament of all political groups on the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year' (Doc 1-678/79),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport (Doc. 1-345/80),
1. Believes that consideration should be given to the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year';
 2. Feels that such an event should serve to encourage not only the enjoyment of music by the public at large, but also all those directly involved in the performance, production and, especially, the instruction of music;
 3. Considers, however, that such a Music Year, which would be of interest to people in all parts of Europe, should be sponsored not by the European Community but by the Council of Europe;
 4. Calls, therefore, on the Council of Europe, and in particular its Committee on Culture and Education, to consider the matter carefully;
 5. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities, in the event that a decision be taken to designate 1985 'European Music Year', to give such support as may be appropriate, in particular by encouraging the full participation of the European Community Youth Orchestra and the Choir of the European Community;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Council of Europe.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. On 16 January 1980 62 Members of the European Parliament, representing all seven political groups, tabled a motion for a resolution requesting that a report be drawn up to consider the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year'. 1985 is the tercentenary of the birth of Georg Friedrich Händel, Johann Sebastian Bach and Domenico Scarlatti.
2. The Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport welcomes the initiative taken by the authors of the motion for a resolution. It considers that a European Music Year - which could include tours by major European orchestras, the organization of music festivals and workshops, exhibitions devoted to the history of music, special television and radio programmes, etc - would do much to encourage interest in music generally and strengthen the awareness of Europeans that they share a common cultural heritage.
3. The organization of a Music Year could, moreover, provide the framework for the implementation of special measures at national and European level aimed at giving support and encouragement to musicians and all those involved in the teaching of music.
4. Since an event of this kind should ideally involve as many European states as possible, the committee believes that it should be organized not under the auspices of the European Community but of the Council of Europe. The latter not only represents more European countries, it also has considerable experience in planning, organizing and implementing such events (e.g. European Conservation Year in 1970, European Architectural Heritage Year in 1975).
5. However, if a Music Year is held, the European Community will in all probability wish to be associated with it, and the Commission is therefore invited to give such support as may be appropriate.
6. The European Community Youth Orchestra and the Choir of the European Community should certainly be asked to participate fully in the events and festivities that are organized. The Youth Orchestra could be asked to devote a major part of its programme for 1985 to the works of the three composers whose tercentenary is being celebrated.
7. In any event, the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport reserves the right to examine the possibilities for European Community participation in more detail at a later stage.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (Doc. 1-678/79)

tabled by Mr BALFE, Mr COLLINS, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr ADONNINO, Mr COPPIETERS, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr GENDEBIEN, Mr John David TAYLOR, Mr LYNGE, Mr ALBERS, Mrs EWING, Mr DIANA, Mr BERSANI, Mr ANTONIOZZI, Miss QUIN, Mr ADAM, Mr LINKOHR, Mr PETERS, Mr BETTIZA, Mr BONACCINI, Mr SCHALL, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI, Mr COLOMBO, Mrs CARETTONI ROMAGNOLI, Mr BALFOUR, Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr Christopher JACKSON, Mr CECOVINI, Mr KEY, Mr HUME, Mr MARSHALL, Mr BATTERSBY, Mr CAPANNA, Sir David NICOLSON, Mr SELIGMAN, Sir Fred WARNER, Mr PAPATIETRO, Mr BARBI, Mr AIGNER, Mr GHERGO, Mr FILIPPI, Mr SASSANO, Mr ZECCHINO, Sir Peter VANNECK, Mr John Mark TAYLOR, Mr IPPOLITO, Mr PRAG, Mr SPENCER, Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mr Robert JACKSON, Mr MOORHOUSE, Mr SEAL, Mr TYRRELL, Mr CLINTON, Mr SEELER, Mr DALSASS, Mr COLLESELLI, Mr BARBAGLI, Mr GIAVAZZI, Mr MODIANO, Mr PEDINI and Mr SIMPSON

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the possibility of designating 1985 'European Music Year'

The European Parliament,

- calling to mind that the year 1985 is the tercentenary of the birth of Georg Friedrich Händel, Johann Sebastian Bach and (Giuseppe) Domenico Scarlatti,
- bearing in mind the considerable contribution to European culture these three composers have made,

Resolves the call for a report to the Parliament on the possibility of designating 1985 as 'European Music Year' and encouraging widespread celebration of this tercentenary throughout Europe.

